Raiyats have not been harassed. In the case of matadhipathis, their disciples look after supplies willingly. No action is called for on the part of Government.

Mr. Appajaiya.—The complaint is really against patels and shanbhogs; some of whom collect from raiyats without payment much more than is really wanted.

Messrs. Patel Sivappa, Lingegowda and others protested against the previous speaker's remarks.

Mr. Rasul Khan.—Officers should personally make payments to the parties furnishing the supplies.

Mr. Krishnachar.—Contractors are employed for making supplies in the case of large camps and no action is necessary.

Mr. Nanjunda Chetty.—The supplies required by Amildars, etc., are very small. It does not pay a contractor to travel with such officers and supply the necessary things. No action is necessary.

Messrs. Patel Linge Gowda and Hoskote Ramanna.—No action is necessary.

Mr. Krishnamurti.—A contractor may be employed in each taluk.

Mr. Annaiya Pandit.—There is not the same trouble now as there used to be the case formerly, and supplies are made by kotwals, etc., on payment.

Other members also spoke for and against the proposal.

Reply of Government.—The sense of the meeting is that the contract system is impracticable and that there is no great hardship in the present system. Individual cases of extortion or oppression by subordinate officials will be suitably dealt with if brought to the notice of Government.

SUBJECT No. 223.

Increase of pay to Barr Subedars.

Mr. C. Vasudeva Rao, Chikmagalur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The pay given to Barr Subedars is very low. It is not sufficient to maintain the dignity of their office. A grade ranging from Rs. 70 to Rs. 150 may be fixed. The barracks for the sepoys, especially in the mofussil, should be better built and more accommodation provided.

Reply of Government.—Not a matter fit to be discussed in the Representative Assembly.

SUBJECT No. 224.

Telegraph offices in all Taluk Head-quarters.

All the members of the Hassan District.

Summary of discussion.—Combined Post and Telegraph offices may be opened at every Taluk Head-quarters. On representing the matter to the Postal Department, the members were called upon to advance money enough to cover the expenses of the department for ten years. Though in a few places the income that could be guaranteed is small, there are several places which can yield a good